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For: **NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL
HYDRATASE GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS
BACTERIUM, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC
ACIDS USING THEM**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Therefore Applicants are submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the Communication from a foreign patent office, therefore a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

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